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SUBJECT: DOBRYNIN MEETING MARCH 16: ADDITIONAL POINTS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL POINTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH DOBRYNIN. TOGETHER WITH REFTEL, THIS CONSTITUTES THE FULL MEMCON.
2. MIDDLE EAST - DOBRYNIN MADE THE OBSERVATION, IN THE COURSE OF EXPLAINING WHY THE SOVIETS REACTED SO STRONGLY TO THE SADAT INITIATIVE, THAT THEY HAD JUST SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO GO TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE WHEN SADAT ANNOUNCED HIS TRIP. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE WOULD KEEP DOBRYNIN INFORMED ON OUR PLANS ABOUT GOING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE PRESENT FIGHTING IN LEBANON.

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3. SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR TEST SITE - DOBRYNIN ASKED GERARD SMITH, WHO HAD JOINED THIS PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION, WHETHER OUR OBSERVERS HAD VISITED THE SITE AND WAS TOLD THAT THEY HAD NOT. SMITH ALSO REFERRED TO A PRAVDA STORY ON MARCH 8 THAT SAID THAT NATO WAS GIVING SOUTH AFRICA

NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE AND SAID THAT THIS WAS COMPLETELY

WRONG. THIS CONVERSATION WITH SMITH LED TO A DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN GENERAL AND THE EASE WITH WHICH A NUCLEAR WEAPONS COULD BE PUT TOGETHER. THIS GAVE IMPETUS TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE NEED FOR INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION.

4. ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITY - DOBRYNIN RATHER PERSISTENTLY QUESTIONED WHETHER WE REALLY BELIEVED WHAT THE ISRAELIS SAID. THE SECRETARY SAID THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ISRAELI ASSURANCES ARE NOT TRUE.

5. SALT - DOBRYNIN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ONLY SMALL DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC FORCES GIVEN BY THE SOVIET SIDE AND THE US ESTIMATES, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW THERE WAS NO MAJOR DISAGREEMENT ON THIS POINT AND POINTED OUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD SOUGHT TO CORRECT A STORY THAT HAD SAID THAT TWO ADDITIONAL SOVIET NUCLEAR SUBS HAD BEEN PERMITTED. WE HAD POINTED OUT THAT THESE HAD NOT YET HAD SEA TRIALS AND THERE HAD BEEN NO ACTION CONTRARY TO THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.

6. CSCE/BELGRADE - THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH DER SPIEGEL, MADE THE POINT THAT BELGRADE HAD NOT BEEN A FAILURE, THAT IT HAD SUCCEEDED IN AIRING THE ISSUES. IN HIS REPLY, DOBRYNIN EMPHASIZED THAT ONE OF
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THE QUESTIONS THAT WAS MOST TROUBLESOME IN MOSCOW WAS WHETHER OR NOT THE APPROACH TAKEN IN BELGRADE REALLY REPRESENTED THE PRESIDENT'S CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT ABOUT HOW TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.

7. HORN - WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CUBAN AND SOVIET PRESENCE ON THE COAST AROUND ASSAB, DOBRYNIN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW BUT THAT HE WOULD FIND OUT WHEN HE GOT TO MOSCOW. DOBRYNIN MADE THE FAMILIAR POINT THAT THE PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN IRAN JUSTIFIES A SOVIET CASE FOR A PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. HE SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CONGRESS THAT THE US MILITARY PRESENCE WOULD GO AS HIGH AS 40,000. THE SECRETARY CORRECTED HIM AND POINTED OUT THAT THE US HAD ABOUT 1200 UNIFORMED PERSONNEL PLUS ABOUT 6000 CIVILIAN CONTRACT EMPLOYEES CONNECTED WITH SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THAT THE TOTAL US COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE ABOVE, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND BUSINESSMEN, IS ABOUT 40,000. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION ON THE HORN, DOBRYNIN MENTIONED THAT THE SOMALIS HAD RECENTLY RAISED WITH THE SOVIETS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE IDEA OF A FEDERATION IN THE HORN (DISCUSSED BY CASTRO DURING HIS VISIT LAST YEAR) COULD BE REVIVED,

AND BUT HE SAID THEY WERE NOT GIVEN ANY ENCOURAGEMENT.

8. ZAMYATIN - WHEN ASKED ABOUT ZAMYATIN'S NEW POSITION BY THE SECRETARY, DOBRYNIN REPLIED THAT WHEN THE PONOMAREV GROUP WAS HERE, THEY CONCLUDED THAT THE US WAS DOING A MUCH BETTER PROPAGANDA JOB THAN THE SU AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO MOVE ZAMYATIN TO THE CONTROL COMMITTEE STAFF, PUTTING HIM IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING FOREIGN INFORMATION (PROPAGANDA).

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